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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 490
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A RESOLUTION Designating the second week of May, 2002, as
"Nurses Week" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, Tennessee's nurses make invaluable contributions to the quality of our lives and provide us with the finest of medical care, thus bringing to bear in each instance their knowledge, skill, training, and compassion, and bringing healing and hope to those in their expert care; and

WHEREAS, With concerns about deteriorating working conditions for nurses, which lead to the decline of nursing care, the American Nurses Association is calling into action, as a part of National Nurses Week, working conditions and how they relate to nurse staffing issues and, in turn, affect quality patient care; and

WHEREAS, The American Nurses Association (ANA) has honed its focus to five core issues to better meet nurses' and nursing's needs; the core issues include Appropriate Staffing, Workplace Rights, Workplace Health and Safety, Continued Competence, and Patient Safety/Advocacy; and

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WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper that Tennessee's nurses should be recognized for their accomplishments, the sacrifices they have made to accomplish their worthy goals, and their ambitious crusade for better staffing and working conditions, as we join them in celebrating their honored profession, praise these exemplary health care professionals, and extend to them our appreciation for their commitment to the true spirit of nursing; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby designate the second week of May, 2002, as "Nurses Week" in Tennessee and urge all Tennesseans to reflect upon the many invaluable contributions made to our society by the dedicated members of the nursing profession.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.